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Applicants: BERGMANN et al. Attorney Dkt. No.: 2582.022  
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Title: USE OF BLOCKING ANTI-TSH-RECEPTOR-ANTIBODIES IN THE  
THERAPY OF HYPERTHYREOSES AND MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES  
FOR USE OF THIS TYPE

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To: Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record in the instant application the documents listed on the attached Form 1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, to remove the finality of an Office Action. Accordingly, no fee for the IDS is believed due. This information is being cited out of an abundance of caution in view of the decisions in *Akron Polymer Container v. Exxel Container*, 148 F.3d 1380 (Fed. Cir. 1998) and *McKesson Information Solutions v. Bridge Medical, Inc.*, 487 F.3d 897 (Fed. Cir. 2007).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning patentability of the present claims, and initial, sign, and date the enclosed Form 1449, and return a copy of the signed Form 1449 with the next U.S. Patent and Trademark communication to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, or treatment of this cited information by this or another Patent Office, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited references. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 08-1935, Reference No. 2582.022.

Respectfully submitted,

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